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Colonel Christopher A. Knight, Director
Florida Highway Patrol
Neil Kirkman Building
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Re: FHP Cpl. Menard

Dear Director Knight:

On July 25 at about 1:30pm my wife and I were traveling south on the Florida Turnpike when a rear tire blew out. I pulled to the right shoulder just short of the Sawgrass Expressway connection and phoned for road service.

Shortly afterward Trooper Menard pulled up behind us, turned on his flashers to protect our disabled vehicle and offered to change the flat.

The service provider called back to say that it would be about 45 minutes until they could get there. At this point Trooper Menard was well on his way to finishing the tire change. He then also filled our unused spare with air.

We offered to tip Trooper Menard. He promptly informed us that he was not permitted to accept a gratuity. So the next best thing I could think of was to write you this personal letter commending Cpl. Menard's behavior, and personal assistance.

Trooper Menard is a credit to the Florida Highway Patrol and I am pleased and proud to have met him under these circumstances.

Sincerely,

